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If the Republicans put up the right man for the race of 1916, Roosevelt will probably come over and help.

When the Republican party comes into power again it will get busy reviving old industries and starting new ones.

More than 1200 Republicans attended the "round-up" of Republicans in St. Louis, Tuesday night of last week and made plans for a great victory in 1916.

The M. K. & T. Railway went into the hands of a receiver the other day. This is another sample of the "grandest prosperity" the country has ever known.

The Turkish atrocities in Armenia are unspeakable if true, but they are little worse than the Russian atrocities inflicted upon the Jews in Russia, if all accounts of the latter are equally true.

All the Democratic papers who got that \$600 worth of constitutional amendment printing last year are supporting Secretary of State Roach for the Democratic nomination for governor. The sweetest makes them relish him the more.

J. P. Morgan and other Wall Street bankers will not risk any of their own money in that \$500,000,000 Anglo-French loan. Whatever risks lie in the transaction will be shouldered by the small investor, to whom the bonds are being sold. Morgan and his ilk never take any chances like that, but make their millions in commissions between the borrower and lender.

The long promised drive of the Allies has at last taken place but it appears to have had little force behind it. At a few points the German lines were forced back for short distances, but it now seems that the Germans have checked further advance. Much has been made by the Allies of their little gain, but what it has cost them in men has not yet been given. They will probably show when the report is made that the cost was very heavy.

How do our Irish friends like this: U. S. Consul-General Gaffney at Munich is slated for removal from his office. Mr. Gaffney's offense was that he proved untrue, and published the fact openly, the charge that American residents in Munich had been assaulted and their peace outraged by the Germans, as alleged in the pro-British Press. Now these same pro-British papers, having been caught in a lie, are intimating that he interested himself in the matter less because he wanted to expose a shameless lie than to involve the British in it because he is an Irishman. And President Wilson because of his pro-British sympathies, apparently holds the same view.

Consternation seized the families on the payroll up at Jeff City on October 1st, when it was learned that there was less money in the treasury than the payroll called for. Each one of the family groups made a rush for the treasurer's pay window to beat the other to it. The diversion of that half million dollars from the school fund did not relieve the embarrassed condition of the state treasury very long, and the situation now seems more hopeless than before, for the state officials cannot make another dip into the school fund. The Democrats are certainly making the money fly in running the state. The revenues of the past fiscal year were \$600,000 larger than ever before and yet they have not enough to pay the regular monthly drafts upon the treasurer. Put the rascals out.

Governor Major calls the Republican attacks on his administration on account of the school fund grab "headline news." We hardly see, however, how this disposes of the transaction. No

school district officer in the state will be convinced by the Governor's remark that the curtailment of the school revenues for the current year is a "fake." In many of the rural districts it forces the school officers to meet the stern reality of making ends meet to the conclusion of the term, and they may not feel that the Democratic state administration is exonerated from all responsibility in accomplishing this revenue shortage by the Governor's airy disposition of the case. Whatever our Democratic friends may say about it, the fact is always there, that in apportioning the school funds this year the state officials departed from the established rule, firmly fixed heretofore by custom and recognized right, and withheld from the schools over a half million dollars and applied it to cover up a deficit in the general revenue resulting from Democratic extravagance in conducting the affairs of the state.

We venture the prediction that by January 1st our government will have abandoned its sham neutrality and come to an open break with Germany. We don't mean that we will be sending troops to join the ranks of the Allies, but we will be in open understanding with them against the Germans. American financiers, headed by J. P. Morgan, have just concluded a loan of \$500,000,000 to England and France, secured only by credit bonds of those nations. These bonds are now being peddled out to American investors. To make the bonds secure the national credit of the borrowing countries must be made sustained at all hazards. Having countenanced the loan, the government at Washington must now give the weight of its influence to uphold the credit of England and France—to aid them in winning the war against Germany. From now on—already we see the signs of it—the industrial capacity of the United States will be evoked to supply the Allies with war material. Germany is to be "crushed" under the weight of shot and shell made in America, fired from guns made in America. Soon another big loan to the Allies will be demanded to keep up this piling rain of death, and it will be forthcoming. J. P. Morgan has the ear of the President Wilson, and his voice commands the destinies of the Washington administration. Here this will be called "prosperity," the greatest ever enjoyed by our people! Can America be lulled to sleep as to what is going on in Washington by the drip of blood in Europe?

Speaker Champ Clark has been officially designated as Missouri's greatest man by Governor Major. Naturally, that selection fell upon a Democrat and upon a man who has made Democratic politics his life work. None other would have had all the requirements of greatness as they are viewed by the Governor, and who, it is presumed, had the aid and advice of other leading Democrats in making this selection. That the choice has fallen upon a man of real sizeable capacity, most all Missourians, regardless of politics, are quite agreed, but there are many of us who feel that his monumental attainments have been misdirected and his efforts resultant in fruits that have not the true luster and flavor. His ability has lifted him to high places in public life, but that the people of Missouri and the nation have had their spiritual and material welfare improved as the result of this elevation is not so satisfactorily conclusive that we must concede that Mr. Clark's greatness has made the state and nation better. It may be foolish for us to advance the idea that the individual greatness of a citizen should have a foundation of solid accomplishment in the things that make men and women better and happier; that we all should feel the benefits of the force of his great character, in-

fluence and efforts, be we Democrats or Republicans, yet we have the notion that in such things lie true greatness. Therefore, since mayhap, the world would be just as good and prosperous today had we had no Champ Clark at all, we will have to rely upon Governor Major's announcement that Mr. Clark tops all the rest of Missourians in the things that constitute individual greatness.

Saving Missouri.

Was it a mere coincidence that "Champ Clark was officially declared to be 'the greatest man in Missouri' on the day preceding the 'Champ Clark dinner' at St. Joseph, at which, we are now informed, the cry of 'Champ Clark for governor' was raised, and Champ Clark himself was entreated to abandon failing fortunes at Washington and come back home 'to save the Democratic party of Missouri'?" We must assume that Gov. Major had heard about the Champ Clark dinner, although he is said to have asserted that he does not read the newspapers; and we suspect that he had private information of the launching of a "Champ Clark for governor" boom. At any rate, the two events were very happily associated, and if the speaker of the House of Representatives is not susceptible to such delicate flattery he is a very hard man, indeed. It is a rare distinction to have a promulgation go out from the capitol, signed by the chief, executive, and stamped with the seal of the state, declaring one to be the greatest man in the commonwealth. Many have been so called, but these were mere expressions of personal opinion; pleasing in essence to these so designated, but giving them no recognized supremacy. The laurel that has been placed upon the leonine brow of the speaker comes from the hands of the elected representative of the people of Missouri, and is therefore in the highest degree official. But he who is honored is expected to pay the price. It is quite evident to discerning Democrats that something will have to be done to "save Missouri;" by which is meant the Democratic party in Missouri, and they have been anxiously casting about for a savior. There seems to be no body at home who is equal to the job, and in despair they cry out to "the greatest man in the state," who is not usually in the state. "Save us, Cassius, or we sink!" What man can resist such an appeal following such a distinction? Congress, we fear, will lose one of its shining lights, and yet the sacrifice will be in vain, Missouri will be saved, but not by Champ Clark.—Globe-Democrat.

One of the most embarrassing things a country editor has to contend with is the disposition of people to wait until the last moment of going to press and then rush in with their items which they "want in this week, sure." This is particularly the case with those who wish to make announcements which they expect to have inserted gratis. People do not reflect upon the fact that the paper is made up during the whole week and that its capacity is limited to just so much and the matter gauged accordingly. If the editor should await the convenience of those who have something they want published he would not get his paper out until the next week and then he would have to delay two or three days until some kind friend has made up his mind about a notice he wants in.

A Sign of the Times.

There was a moving wagon went through town Tuesday and judging from the sign in big letters on the wagon the owner must have had a poor opinion of President Wilson's administration. The sign read as follows: "Wilson's administration, hell and damnation, we're going back to my wife's relation."—Queen City Transcript.

Why Gaffney Must Go.

Thomas St. John Gaffney, American Consul General at Munich, is one of the most experienced and efficient officials of our consular service. Nevertheless he is doomed to retirement. He has become "persona non grata," not in the country and city where he represents American interests, nor with the American citizens sojourning there, but with the one man at Washington in whom all the governing powers and all the wisdom of the nation are concentrated. It is but natural that to a man of such all prevailing intellect, it would appear reprehensible, not to say disloyal, that a mere consular official should dare to differ with him on any subject and, worse than all, that such an insignificant person should have the assurance to publish his opinions. And Gaffney has committed this unpardonable crime. When the pro-British (and incidentally pro-Wilson) press circulated reports of outrages committed by the burghers of Munich against peaceable American residents, he procured and published a statement signed by every American in the Bavarian capital, branding these reports as an infamous slander upon a friendly people. This, according to the Wilson viewpoint, unneutral act could not possibly be condoned. The very spirit of neutrality as conceived by the scholastic mind of Mr. Wilson was grossly violated and the least that could be done, was to terminate the culprit's official connection with the Government. Let others beware!—Westliche Post (St. Louis).

When Is a Mule a Horse.

Missouri has some fool laws, and were it not for our fear of contempt proceedings we would add, some fool judges, but nothing quite so foolish has come up recently as a Minnesota decision. A team of mules was stolen in the northern state and the thief was arrested and convicted. Minnesota has a standing reward of \$200 for the conviction of a horse thief, so the captor appealed for his cash. His application was denied, the court insisting that a mule is a mule and not a horse, therefore payment of a horse thief reward for the arrest of a mule thief, would be illegal. The plaintiff insisted that as a mule is half horse and two mules were stolen the criminal could be charged with horse thievery—two mules equaling one horse—but the learned judge said no. Very evidently a "horse on" on the man who caught the mule stealer.

Howell County Farmer Revived After Being Pronounced Dead.

The efficiency of the pulmotor was demonstrated at Springfield, Mo., on September 29th, when W. V. Cunningham, a prominent farmer living near Willow Springs, Howell County, was returned to life an hour and four minutes after being pronounced dead by the attending physicians.

An undertaker had been called and was present, but one of the physicians sought the aid of the pulmotor as the last chance for the patient. Cunningham had been brought to a hospital at Springfield that morning from his home, suffering with an abscess of the brain. He had been placed on the operating table and the surgeons were making ready to operate, when his heart ceased to pulsate.

Missouri Beats All On Corn.

N. C. Bruce of Dalton, Mo., is the champion corn raiser of the United States, if not of the world according to the award of the Panama-Pacific Exposition. He grew 118 bushels of corn on a single acre of ground. This is about three times the yield of the ordinary field.—Sullivan News.

FIRST-CLASS JOB PRINTING AT JOURNAL OFFICE.

QUICK RESPONSE TO APPEAL

British Women Swamped Military Authorities With Respirators for Which They Had Asked.

One would have to go far to find greater hustlers than the women of Britain are when it comes to making things for their men at the front. Their indefatigability in this direction has been demonstrated frequently since the war began, but never more strikingly than in response to the recent war office appeal for respirators for the army in Flanders. Respirators were needed, of course, owing to the sudden use by the Germans of poisonous gases as a means of warfare. They were wanted by the hundreds of thousands. The war office appeal for them appeared in the papers on a Wednesday morning. And within forty-eight hours another official announcement was forthcoming stating that sufficient respirators had been received and asking the public please not to send any more. It all happened so quickly that some of the evening papers on Friday which carried the later announcement on their news pages also carried on their inside ones the original appeal and elaborate instructions for making respirators, there having been no time to take the latter out.

Meanwhile the rush for the materials of which respirators are made had been something unprecedented. By three o'clock of the day on which the appeal was made most of the principal shops and stores had entirely exhausted their stock of narrow elastic. One big house had by that time sold 12,000 pounds of wool and 18,000 packets of gauze. By the end of the same day another establishment had accepted orders to make 25,000 respirators for the front.

SPOKE ONLY SIMPLE TRUTH

Dog's Owner Not to Blame If Man With Whom He Traded Had Misunderstood Him.

Senator William H. Thompson of Kansas smiled when reference to a recent banquet was made to sharp practice in trading. He said he was reminded of Jim Jones' dog.

Jim Jones had a hound dog, and having an opportunity to trade him for a shotgun with a party from the next county, he lost no time in making the swap. It was a month later before the traders met again. "Look here, you bloomin' possum!" cordially greeted the man from the next county. "You didn't do a thing but sting me on that pup!" "Sting you?" returned Jim, with an innocent look. "In what way?" "You know!" wrathfully exclaimed the man from the next county. "You told me that he would lick anything in sight."

"So he will," declared Jim, with a pleasant smile. "He is a very affectionate animal."

Making Cyanamid.
An interesting enterprise is the American cyanamid works at Niagara Falls, Ont., which began operations in 1910 with a capacity of 12,000 tons, and which has recently increased its output to 64,000 tons a year in order to meet the growing demand for its product. Cyanamid is a fertilizing material obtained by combining atmospheric nitrogen with calcium carbide, according to Consul Julius D. Dreher, at Toronto. By simply heating cyanamid with steam, ammonia can be produced, which, being passed through heated platinum sponges, is oxidized into nitric acid, of which the explosive industry uses 55,000 tons a year. By fusing cyanamid with salts, cyanides may be produced which are used in extracting gold and silver from low-grade ores. As these and other useful products may easily be made from cyanamid, this article is likely to be in demand in various other industries besides agriculture.

Guest Thought He Had 'Em.
James F. McGee, former cashier of the Crestwood bank of Louisville, Ky., got the scare of his life and suffered a shock which necessitated calling a physician when he found a six-foot "Georgia bull" snake crawling about his room in a local hotel.

Thinking a friend was playing a joke on him, McGee grabbed the snake, when the reptile began to show fight and put up a hard battle. Clerks and attaches of the hotel came to his rescue.

A clerk at the hotel said the snake belonged to a vaudeville performer whose room was directly above that of McGee's.

Food Oil from Weed.
The discovery that oil from the "Devil's Claw," a hitherto worthless weed, can be utilized for food may result in making it a valuable industrial product for the semiarid regions of Kansas, according to Prof. E. H. S. Bailey, the University of Kansas food chemist.

Laboratory investigations showed that this weed, now growing abundantly on the waste lands of western Kansas, Colorado, Texas and New Mexico, produces a seed from which an edible oil is extracted that may take the place of olive or cottonseed oil. The press cake from the oil is also valuable for stock food, as it has a high protein value.

Report Monster Meteorite.
A monster meteorite is reported to have fallen into the sea off the Chinese coast recently. Men in a light-house, who saw it flash past, said it was luminous and reminded them of a monster electric light globe. The object fell into the sea, and immediately after came a mighty explosion which severely shook a nearby island. The meteorite missed the lighthouse tower by only a few hundred feet.

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NEW MALADIES OF THE WAR

Aviators and Telegraphers Have Developed Ailments Which Call for Special Treatment.

During the European war several military aviators have been suffering from sickness. This new malady is liable to attack any aeroplane pilot who flies for a length of time without descending. The aviator thus attacked is affected with a sickly nausea accompanied by severe headache and a violent desire to sleep. Swift descents through the air bring on these symptoms, which medical men say are caused by the blood circulation of an aviator being unable to adopt itself at once to the rapid change of atmospheric pressure caused by sudden drops in the air.

Telegrapher's spasm is a malady which has afflicted many telegraph and wireless operators in the war. The complaint is caused by the continual operation of the key used in connection with telegraphic apparatus. Few people realize the strain entailed by tapping for hours at a stretch with one hand the instrument which sends code messages across the wires. Most letters consist of more than one dot or dash, and it has been estimated that an operator makes about 30,000 movements of the fingers and wrist in the course of an hour's operating.

This strain often results in the hand becoming stiff and uncontrollable, as it does in the case of writer's cramp. Many telegraph operators now learn to operate with both hands in order to avoid this complaint.

WHALE MEAT A GOOD POOD

Is Being Used for Frankfurters in Denmark, and is Said to Be Highly Nutritious.

Frankfurters made of whale meat are getting to be quite the thing in Denmark, according to Elmer Tarrisen, a mechanical engineer of Tonaberg, Norway.

Mr. Henriksen came to America to study drop forging. He was graduated from a school of mechanical engineering in Christiania a year ago, and planned to go to Germany and then to come to the United States to study this particular line of engineering, but the war kept him out of Germany.

"There has been developed in Norway in the last few years a new field of industry in which mechanical engineers are much interested," said Mr. Hendrickson. "This is the designing and manufacture of machinery for cutting up whales. It requires special machinery, of course, and the investigation of the whale in relation to the kind of machinery required for dissecting it developed the comparatively new industry of using whale meat for frankfurters. A big business has grown out of this. Most of the whale meat is sent to Denmark and there made into frankfurters. Whale meat tastes not unlike beef and is very nutritious. I have frequently eaten whale steaks."

A distinguished teacher of physical culture at Harvard has declared that there is no reason why women should not make as good soldiers as men. As a matter of fact, "in endurance of pain and hardship the average woman is man's superior, and perhaps there is no physical reason why they would not make as good cannon fodder as men. But upon moral grounds and the considerations of the race perpetuation there are many reasons why this proposed brutalization of women should be condemned. It is an idea repugnant even to the minds of our age."

Some Systems.

Rankin—What do you think of the plan of giving cabaret patrons little hammers with which to pound on the tables for applause?

Phyfe—It is an extremely ingenious method of turning a knock into a boom.—Judge.